AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 12, lines 1-16, with the following amended paragraph:

The cationically charged polymer contains one or more backbone compounds co-polymerized with one [[of]] or more cationically charged monomers. The preferred content of the backbone in the polymer is about 60 to 95 mole %, most preferably 80-90 mole %. Nonlimiting examples of appropriate compounds to be used for the backbone are vinyl acetate, butadiene, styrene, acrylate containing 1 to 8 carbon atoms in the alkyl group, polyester, polyamide and combinations thereof. The acrylate is preferably selected from alkyl (meth)acrylates, such as n-butyl acrylate, 2-ethyl hexyl acrylate, and isooctyl acrylate. Of these compounds, n-butyl acrylate is the most preferred. As would be apparent to a person of ordinary skill in the art, some of the compounds listed above have properties that would make them more suitable for adhesives than for coatings and vice versa. Further, some of the compounds that are more suitable for adhesives than coatings may also be more suitable for PSA's than for hot-melt adhesives, and vice versa. Appropriate selection would be readily apparent to the skilled artisan.

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